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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3299

INFO AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OREP (DRINAN, ROBERT F.), UR

SUBJ: CONGRESSMAN DRINAN'S TRAVEL

REF: STATE 190886

1. ADMINISTRATIVE: A. EMBASSY MOSCOW SEEKING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH UPDK FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CONGRESSMAN DURING PERIOD HE WILL BE IN MOSCOW. SHOULD THAT PROVE IMPOSSIBLE, EMBASSY WILL HOUSE HIM INOFFICIAL QUARTERS.

B. RE CONGRESSMAN'S TRAVEL PLANS, EMBASSY SUGGESTS CONGRESSMAN MIGHT LIKE TO TAKE CRACK NIGHT TRAIN "RED ARROW" FROM LENINGRAD TO MOSCOW NIGHT OF AUGUST 17/18, THIS WOULD ALSO EASE SOMEWHAT ACCOMMODATION PROBLEM IN MOSCOW. RE FLIGHTS TO BUCHAREST, THERE IS ONLY ONE FLIGHT ON EACH OF TWO DAYS GIVEN FOR TRAVEL. ON THURSDAY, SU 151 DEPARTS MOSCOW 0855, ARRIVING BUCHAREST 1020; AND ON FRIDAY, RO 208 DEPARTS MOSCOW 2120, ARRIVES BUCHAREST 2255. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHICH OF THESE TWO ALTERNATIVES CONGRESSMAN DRINAN PREFERS.

C. ARE 19FT FUNDS AUTHORIZED?

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2. PROGRAM: A. WE ARE ATTEMPTING (BOTH DIRECTLY

AND THROUGH MFA) TO GET APPOINTMENTS WITH OFFICES MENTIONED REFTEL AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH PEOPLE IN BOTH ALL-UNION OVIR AND OFFICE OF DEPUTY PROCURATOR OF USSR. CODEL SHOULD REALIZE NEVERLESS THAT SOVIET OFFICIALS, LIKE THEIR WESTERN COUNTER-PARTS, TEND TO TAKE VACATIONS IN AUGUST AND WE ARE NOT SURE OF LEVEL OF APPOINTMENTS WE SHALL SUCCEED INGETTING. WE PLAN AN EMBASSY BRIEFING FOR THE CODEL, PROBABLY MORNING AUGUST 18. BRIEFING WOULD BE BOTH GENERAL, ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION, AND WOULD ALSO CONCERN SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THOSE PROBLEMS IN WHICH CODEL IS INTERESTED.

B. WE ARE CONSIDERING SCHEDULING MEETINGS WITH USA INSTITUTE AND SUGGEST ALSO THAT CODEL CONSIDER TRIP TO ZAGORSK TO MEET ECCLESIASTICAL LEADERS. WE WOULD APPRICATE CODEL REACTION AND ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS REGARDING PROGRAMMING IN USSR.

3. CONTROL OFFICER FOR CODEL IS FSO JOSEPH A. PRESEL. STOESEL

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